

MASE

2019-20 Standing Committees

Sorted by MASE Area & Last Name

Business Partnership Committee

The Business Partnership Committee recruits MASE business partner members; monitors business partner member relationships; reviews and makes recommendations to the MASE Board of Directors regarding business partner membership benefits; and performs other similar duties at the direction of the President or Board.

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C	Scott	Masten	Director of Special Education	Lake Agassiz Special Education Cooperative	smasten@lagassiz.com
F-2	Cheryl	Hall	Director of Special Services	Northfield Public Schools	chall@northfieldschools.org
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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recruits and recommends MASE officer candidates; nominates recognition or award recipients; supports a system for awarding scholarships; and performs similar duties as directed by the President or Board.

Chair:

C	Shannon	Erickson	Director of Special Education	Fergus Falls Area Sp. Ed. Cooperative	serickson@fergusotters.org
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A	Eva	Pohl	Director of Special Education	PAWN Special Education	epohl@parkrapids.k12.mn.us
B	Dena	Hagen	Director of Special Education	Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative	dhagen@nlsec.k12.mn.us
D	Simoine	Bolin	Executive Director	Mid-State Education District	sbolin@midstate.k12.mn.us
D	Nan	Records	Regional Low Incidence Facilitator	Sourcewell	nan.records@sourcewell-mn.gov
F-2	Cheryl	Johnson	Executive Director	Goodhue County Education District	cjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us
G	Melissa	Schaller	Director of Special Education	Intermediate School District 917	melissa.schaller@isd917.org
H	Melissa	Brateng	Ass't. Director of Student Services	Intermediate School District 287	mabrateng@district287.org
H	Darren	Kermes	Superintendent	SW Metro Intermediate #288-06	dkermes@swmetro.k12.mn.us
H	Holle	Spessard	Director of Special Services	Tri-City United Schools	hspessard@tcu2905.us
H	Chad	Williams	Director of Special Services	Jordan Public Schools	cwilliams@isd717.org
	John	Klaber	MASE Executive Director	MASE	jpklaber@gmail.com

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee designs and implements a recruitment plan to increase MASE membership; evaluates and recommends member services to the Board; provides membership updates periodically to the Board; and performs similar duties as directed by the President or Board.

Chair:

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Area	First Name	Last Name	Title	District/Organization	Email
D	Lana	Talberg	Ass't. Director of Special Education	Sherburne-N Wright Special Education Cooperative	lana.talberg@monticello.k12.mn.us
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F-1	Heather	Harms	Director of Special Education	Waseca Public Schools	harh@waseca.k12.mn.us
F-2	Sarah	McGuire	Special Services Coordinator	Owatonna Schools	smcguire@isd761.org
H	Melissa	Brateng	Ass't. Director of Student Services	Intermediate School District 287	mabrateng@district287.org
H	Jessica	Emerson	Director of Student Support Services	Belle Plaine Public Schools	jemerson@belleplaine.k12.mn.us
	John	Klaber	MASE Executive Director	MASE	jpklaber@gmail.com

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee reviews the progress, reports and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the MASE Strategic Plan; annually reviews the Constitution and Bylaws for consistency with current practice and alignment with the Strategic Plan; drafts necessary and appropriate changes to the Constitution and Bylaws for consideration by the Board; and performs similar duties as directed by the President or Board.

Chair:

F-1	Sarah	Mittelstadt	Director of Special Services	Southern Plains Education Cooperative	sarah.mittelstadt@southernplainedcoop.org
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G	Melissa	Schaller	Intermediate School District 917	Director of Special Education	melissa.schaller@isd917.org
G	Erin	Wanat	Indigo Education	Executive Director of Special Education	ewanat@indigoed.org
H	Chad	Williams	Jordan Public Schools	Director of Special Services	cwilliams@isd717.org
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Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee annually develops the MASE Legislative Platform; responds to proposed legislation, regulations and rules at federal and state level; and performs similar duties as directed by the President or Board.

Co-Chair 18-20:

D Jamie Nord Executive Director St. Croix River Education District jnord@scred.k12.mn.us

Co-Chair 19-21:

H Jeff Jorgensen Director of Special Services Edina Public Schools jeff.jorgensen@edinaschools.org

Co-Chair / MASE Past-President 19-20:

H Laura Pingry-Kile Director of Special Services Eastern Carver County Schools Pingry-KileL@district112.org

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H	Chad	Williams	Director of Special Services	Jordan Public Schools	cwilliams@isd717.org
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Federal Advocacy Committee

The Federal Advocacy Committee annually develops a Federal Advocacy Platform for the approval by the MASE Board; responds to proposed legislation, regulation and/or rules at the Federal level; and performs other similar duties at the direction of the President or Board.

Co-Chairs:

F-1 Sarah Mittelstadt Director of Special Services Southern Plains Education Cooperative sarah.mittelstadt@southernplainedcoop.org
H Darren Kermes Superintendent SW Metro Intermediate #288-06 dkermes@swmetro.k12.mn.us

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H	Chad	Williams	Director of Special Services	Jordan Public Schools	cwilliams@isd717.org
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Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee develops and provides high quality professional development opportunities to MASE members and to other current and future special education leaders; coordinates fund raising activities with the Benson/Stenswick Scholarship Program and Minnesota Special Education Leaders Foundation (MNSELF); acts as a liaison between the Board and MNSELF; and performs similar duties as directed by the President or Board.

Co-Chairs:

H	Melanie	Kray	Director of Special Education	SW Metro Intermediate District 288	mkray@swmetro.k12.mn.us
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